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A LIVING LESSON—AN OBJECT LESSON.

The "Olds" won, as predicted, in the contest over the City Court appointments, and the "Youngs"—the disaffected Republican faction—was described by Representative Clark—go down once again to defeat, but an honor was theirs, for they carried the Judiciary committee. It was simply a case in which the Federal, State and local machines were a unit against this disaffected Republican faction and succeeded to administer what they considered justifiable discipline—that of thorough spanking.

Without intending any depreciation of the merits of Messrs. Foster and Wilder, the Farmer has, from the commencement of this contest, sympathized with the "Youngs." They constitute the progressive element of their party; they have fought with courage and in many fashion; they have not descended to trickery, as often does the other faction; they have asked for nothing unreasonable, but merely for an adequate share of the "loaves and fishes," and have been almost invariably refused; despite such treatment, they have "pulled straight," as the opposing faction would not have done under similar conditions; they have deserved and have fairly earned the recognition which has been denied. They furnish a living lesson of the strength of Republican discipline, and also an object lesson of its arbitrary penalties.

Prof. Munsterberg of Harvard, who has investigated the effects of the use of liquor, says there is "nothing whatever yet to show that in moderate use alcoholic drinks can do a particle of harm." The trouble is in defining the words "moderate use."

New Jersey has made Good Friday a legal holiday. This affects bank business, legal documents, etc., but does not prevent merchants from opening their stores. It indicates, however, the existence of a growing sentiment in favor of a complete abstention from business on this day, which is one of the principal anniversaries of the Christian religion.

The House is not so careful of the interests of the Standard Oil Co., as was the Ways and Means committee in constructing its tariff bill. It has struck out the countervailing duty, and cut down the ad valorem rate from 25 to 1 per cent. But the Senate is yet to act upon tariff revision, and being the recognized stronghold of the big trusts, it will quite probably reject this House action.

In Germany, it is now possible to deposit money in post offices and draw checks against accounts. This system went into effect on Jan. 1st, last, and during the first month 16,210 accounts were opened, with a total deposit of \$30,000,000. Possibly, the government considers the system as supplying an auxiliary to the "war chest" in case of need—that is, the balance on hand may be borrowed.

The brewers have thus far fared well in the House action on the tariff bill. An attempt to increase the tax on beer to \$1.50 a barrel was ruled out of order because not endorsed by the Ways and Means committee for a vote, and several attempts to increase the duty on barley from 15 cents as fixed in the Payne bill to the present rate of 30 cents or more were defeated by votes of the House in committee of the whole. That is, the tax on the raw material is reduced one-half, and the direct tax on the finished product is not increased. This change may affect wholesale prices somewhat, but is not large enough to reduce retail rates.

Dr. President Castro of Venezuela, who is endeavoring to return there, presumably to head a revolution, is meeting with obstacles. Governments having ports located conveniently to the Venezuelan coast have forbidden his landing at them, and it looks as if he would be compelled to arrange and conduct his proposed revolution at long range. Castro is the man who managed to get into complications with nearly all the powers, including the United States, and he is generally considered "a pestilent fellow."

In 1853, the price of wheat reached its lowest point since 1840. The highest figure since reached was on Wednesday when another "corner" was made it to \$1.25. In this advance, the farmers were aided by a slightly unfavorable government report on the condition of the winter wheat crop. Naturally, the price of flour, a necessary article, is influenced by these gambles in wheat, and the cost of living, already too high, is made higher. All this is done to prevent such a prime necessary of life as wheat from being largely because of objection to the wheat-growing states at high prices.

Connecticut now has a Governor pro tem, in the person of Lieut. Gov. Weeks of Middletown. He has become such by virtue of action by the General Assembly, and it is not probable that any one will question the propriety or the legality of such action. The State constitution does not provide for such contingencies as the present one—a Governor, located within the State but incapacitated for the duties of his office. In the case of a Governor's death, resignation, refusal to serve, removal from office, impeachment or absence from the State, the constitution provides for the succession, but does not provide for such a condition as now exists.

It is to be hoped that the respite from official duties, with skilled medical attention and nursing, will restore Gov. Lilley to good health.

The police of New York city are enforcing the law against automobile speeding, and the courts are imposing comparatively severe penalties. In cases which were tried on Wednesday, fines were imposed on a basis of \$25 for first offence, \$50 for second and \$100 for third. These fines are not large enough to deter millionaires and their chauffeurs from violating the law, but there is a possibility that where fines are found insufficient for the protection of the public, jail sentences will follow, as they should.

Hartford has also taken up the matter, but so far the enforcement of the law is limited to taking the numbers of chronic offenders and sending warnings to them. This is probably preliminary to prosecutions.

Every city should proceed on similar lines, lest the prediction of a Massachusetts man, that pedestrians may soon be subject to classification as "the quick and the dead," reaches fulfillment.

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STRATFORD

The Big Wind—Church 6 ckers—Baseball—Arrivals in Town—The Lewis Party—On the Sick List—Cast for a Play.

There was so much dust in town yesterday, all the commercial travelers who were trying to sell cigars, candy, vacuum cleaners, perfumes, etc., got away as soon as possible. If these winds keep up there will be a call for the watering carts.

The Tuttle mansion on Bruce avenue is being decorated.

The following individuals have been elected officers for the Methodist church for the coming year—Treasurer, Mr. Joel F. Wilcox; financial secretary, Mr. Frederick C. Tooley; secretary, Arthur S. Meloy; treasurer for benevolent collections, Mrs. Edward H. Churchill.

After all Mrs. Adelaide Gunther did come home from Annapolis before Easter as was generally expected.

On the 1st of April, Theodore Judson had been kept for 23 years. And this is no first of April joke either.

Wheeler is now so much improved in health she is able to see her friends.

Several of our local Red Men are to go on a picnic to New York as far as Philadelphia.

The Carey House, Main street, has been vacated by the Wilberforce Morison family, which has gone to Bridgeport.

Mr. John Molyneux is now living in his new house at Lazy Bank.

Mrs. Louise Gilbert has returned from a visit to Derby.

Mrs. Cosier went to Hartford yesterday to be gone some time.

A number of the Order of the Eastern Star expect to come to town from Derby, next Tuesday. They will visit our local Azalia chapter, and will be treated to refreshments.

Recent departures from town include Miss Ellen Abbott to New York for a few days; Miss Emma Goodwin to Atlantic City; and Mr. J. H. Peck, to New Haven.

The line up of the Stratford baseball club is as follows: Catcher, Ivan Moushous, pitcher, E. Budington, shortstop, John Bossey; first base, Mr. Flanagan; second base, John McGahay; third base, John Buckingham; left field, Frank Everett; center field, A. Knapp; right field, Mr. Connors.

The Misses Claribel, Eleanor and Esther Lewis, daughter of Dr. Lewis, gave a quiet little card party a few days ago at their residence on East Broadway. The guests included Arline Curtis, Marie Sullivan, Aris Walker, Allen Wilson, Henry Wells, Radford Smith, Joseph Grathwell, Mr. and Miss Woods of Long Island, and Dr. J. H. Peck.

Mr. Charles F. Wheeler of this town is reported to have purchased a residence on North street, Bridgeport.

Mrs. Louise Carey is home from Sandy Hook where she passed the winter. Mr. John Bond has had some trouble with his stomach, enough to put him on the sick list.

Mrs. Walter Wilcoxson is entertaining Mrs. Swartz of New York.

Mr. George Barrett and Mr. Samuel Patterson are both improving in health.

The Lenten Cantata of "Penitence, Pardon and Peace" was given at the Congregational church this afternoon.

A party of local people who have been spending the winter at Fort Pierce, Florida, are expected back in town in a few days.

Mr. Frederick P. Beardsley is ill with the grip.

It is thought Columbus day will not be observed to any great extent in this town, the countrymen of the great discoverer are so few hereabouts.

And now it is said the food sale at the chapel will be on the Thursday after Easter.

The following is the cast of characters for the play called "The Old Hilly School," which the Red Men are to give on the 14th instant: Elizabeth J. Crabtree, Agnes Bevens; Indiana Crabtree, Monny Parker; May Trip, Maria Bitterman; Henrietta Lee, Emily Fisher; Deliverance Daggett, Maud Hamilton; Hard Nails, Robert Farrell; Michael O'Patrick, O'Connell; John Broadgast; Mugs Rudd, Otto Donald; Johnny Short, William Bevens; Jim Henry Cobb, Walter Bevens; Sam Teacher, Mrs. Rose Farrell; Professor, Albert Wigglesworth.

CAR OFF THE TRACK.
Traffic on the State street trolley line was blocked last night for a short time by a big car which went off the track between Park avenue and Seeley street. An accumulation of gravel on the track threw off the wheels.

If you have backache and urinary troubles you should take Poley's Kidney Remedy to strengthen and build up the kidneys so they will act properly, as a serious kidney trouble may develop. F. B. Brill, local agent.

FAIRFIELD

Books for Farmers—Hargrove School—Old Maid's Convention—Miss Deyo's Reception—Drew a Prize—An Auto Accident.

The attention of the farmers and agriculturists of the town is called to the fact that the library has placed upon a shelf in the reading room quite a large collection of practical books for the special information of farmers, upon such subjects as farming, gardening, poultry, flower culture, bees and sheep. It is thought that in this age of scientific knowledge farmers do not read as much as they should of well authenticated works, and the results of investigations made by the Department of Agriculture. There are also books on the culture of roots, which might prove useful for the selection of various towns, and many new books have recently been ordered on mechanical arts and home economics. These last works are of paramount importance in these days of high prices and poor housekeeping. The library is intended to be of direct benefit to the people, and is not wholly to be regarded as a place where the latest novel may be had for the purpose of killing time. There is something better in life than fictitious romance.

Mr. Dawson Coleman Glover has issued a notice to the effect that the annual meeting of Fairfield Parish will be held on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Chapel, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of electing officers and transacting other necessary business.

Town Clerk Flint has received a bunch of 500 tags for the dogs of the town, which must be licensed on or before the 1st of next May.

The Hargrove school is growing so fast that Prof. Hargrove will either have to enlarge the present building or secure a new one. One of the new students who has recently arrived is Mr. Lieber of Indianapolis, and very soon Mr. Scott of Staten Island expected. Mr. Moore has been spending his vacation in New York and Mr. McKinney has been in Pittsburgh. Prof. Swann has returned from New York, Mass., next Monday.

It is announced that on the 16th inst., at the Pequot library, the comical dramatist of the "Old Maid Convention," will be repeated. It is said that the transforming machine has been improved and there is a suspicion that old bachelors will be transformed into married men if any of them desire to try the experiment. The title of the performance is quite as attractive as the play itself.

The Methodists of Southport intend to give a fine musical program on Sunday.

On Monday Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reed had their family increased by the birth of twins.

Last evening at the residence of her father on Elliott street, Miss Sadie Deyo gave a very pleasant reception and social gathering in compliment to her guest, Miss Mamie Crowe of New York.

The evening with music, games and refreshments. A few of those in attendance were Miss Marion and Mr. John Donaldson, Mr. and Mrs. John Perry, John Buckingham, Dorothy Smith, Amy and Ruth Child, Helen and Louise Forsythe, Amy, Elsie and Ruth Jones, Louise Everett, Mel Hotchkiss, Mary and Grace West, Winifred and Ernest Thomas, Edward Raymond, William Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Deyo, Mr. and Mrs. John Deyo, Elting and Arthur Deyo, Warren Cowles, John Forsythe, Dorothy and Elliot Smith of Mill Plain, Miss Frances Pease, Talmadge Wakeman, Paul Miller and others.

Mr. E. R. W. Sanford is home from Rutgers College for the Easter holidays.

Mr. Carrington Beeman is passing a week in town.

Fifteen volumes of Stoddard's lectures, in memory of John Buckingham, have just been presented to the library.

A baseball game was in progress this afternoon between the married and single men employed at the Fairfield Rubber Works.

The drawing for a \$10 gold piece which was put up as an inducement for those who wished to aid the Fairfield baseball team in procuring new uniforms, took place last Wednesday evening at Beckwith's, where Mr. John Carroll, employed at Wytzen's grocery drew the prize. It is said the team realized not far from \$20.

An automobile came to grief a day or two ago on the turnpike just out of town at a place called Harris' corner. A tire burst and the machine ran into a pole, when the car went down an embankment. No one was hurt, although there were five passengers. The occupants declined to give their names as they wished to escape notoriety.

During the spring every one would be benefited by taking Poley's Kidney Remedy. It furnishes a needed tonic to the kidneys after the extra strain of winter, and it purifies the blood by stimulating the kidneys and preventing them to eliminate the impurities from it. Poley's Kidney Remedy imparts new life and vigor. Pleasant to take. F. B. Brill, local agent.

LIZZIE POIL WILL RECOVER

Little Lizzie Poil, who was rescued from drowning in Black Rock harbor, yesterday will recover the use of her limbs as she is doing nicely at St. Vincent's hospital today. Her recovery is due to a series of prompt movements on the part of the boy, Fred Barrett, who pulled the child out of the water, to Charles Fancher who took her to her home and administered first aid, and to Dr. Bennett of the emergency hospital who restored her breath by artificial respiration. Few persons have died as narrowly as did this little girl.

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Litchfield County News.

In Superior Court.

The April term of the superior court opened at Litchfield, Tuesday, with Judge Williams of Derby, recently appointed by Governor Lilley on the bench. Five prisoners were arraigned, two of whom pleaded guilty and were sentenced. Thomas Murphy and Thomas Jones, tramps, pleaded guilty of trespassing on railroad property and were sentenced to 30 days in jail and costs. William Warner of New Milford, charged with being a common drunkard, Robert Edwards of Woodbury, charged with statutory burglary, and George W. Ferris of New Milford, charged with carrying concealed weapons, pleaded not guilty. It was reported that Edwards would later change his plea and that Prosecutor Warner would recommend a sentence of one year in jail.

A Remarkable Record.

Representative Douglas of Washington has a certificate signed by Luke E. Wright as Secretary of War showing that Mr. Douglas was in the service as a military telegrapher from November 25, 1864, to August 31, 1865. He lost an arm in the assault on Fort Wagner in 1863 and then studied telegraphy to such purpose that he was able to enter the service as a telegrapher before the end of the war. He was in charge of a line running out of Nashville, Tenn.

Fire in Winsted.

Fire supposed to have been of incendiary origin destroyed a barn owned by Frank J. Wade in Winsted, and partially destroyed a barn owned by John B. Putnam, Monday. Mr. Wade's loss is estimated at \$1,000 and Mr. Putnam's \$500. Both fully covered by insurance. Mr. Clafin lost a quantity of hay and grain, and Isaac Layhee lost wagons, sleighs, tools, etc., valued at about \$300. He had no insurance.

Suit Against B. R. Co.

The Charles E. White Lumber Company, of Williamstown, has brought suit against the B. R. Co. of Winsted, Conn., of Salisbury. A fire in the town of Cornwall swept over land owned by the White Lumber Company and destroyed lumber of the alleged value of \$15,000 and it is claimed that the fire started on land of the defendants and was caused by their carelessness.

Escape of a "Trusty."

Charles Stuart escaped from Litchfield jail on Saturday afternoon while employed as a trusty on the W. R. Smith farm.

Fire in Torrington.

On Friday night fire gutted the interior of the home of Anselmo Guada in Torrington, causing a loss of \$200 to building and furniture. The fire is supposed to have been caused by an overheated stove.

Bantam Lake.

The Fish and Game committee has voted to make an unfavorable report on the bill providing that no one may fish through the ice in Bantam Lake with more than twelve lines or leave lines set over night; but to report favorably on a bill to allow bait fish to be taken with nets in the same lake.

Began Very Early.

Andrew Kis, in Torrington, Thursday, paid \$33.88 for the fun of beating his wife, Susie, to whom he was married less than two months ago. He began the hammering treatment four days after the wedding because of jealousy. The reason for his renewed assault was because she failed to go to her work at the needle company on account of illness.

Deer Are Numerous.

Deer are more numerous than ever before around New Milford and vicinity this spring, and seem quite tame. Arthur Joyce saw two in New Fairfield recently. Six or seven were seen in Semor. G. Barnes' rye field. Charles A. Morey of Squam, Hollow, saw five deer by the corner of his garden a few days ago. Mrs. H. W. Soule, of Lenox Mountain, said Tuesday that grazing deer are often seen in the open lot near the residence.

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